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SUBJECT: SPANISH REACTION TO EEC SUMMIT

1. SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS TOLD EMBOFF THAT GOS WAS PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY PRETENTIONS OF EEC SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS IN ASSUMING PREROGATIVE OF DEFINING "EUROPEAN IDENTITY", EVEN THOUGH THEY REPRESENT ONLY A MINORITY OF NATIONS THAT CAN PROPERLY BE CALLED EUROPEAN.

2. FONMIN LOPEZ-RODO MADE STATEMENT DECEMBER 14 FOLLOWING SUMMIT REFLECTING THIS CONCERN. HE STATED THAT "IN ORDER FOR EUROPE TO REACH ITS TRUE DIMENSION IT IS NECESSARY
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THAT THE GREAT NUMBER OF STATES THAT COMPRISE IT, WHICH ARE

NOT INTEGRATED IN THE EEC, BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE JOINT TASK, UNITING THEIR EFFORTS FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT." LATER IN STATEMENT, LOPEZ-RODO AGAIN STRESSED FAMILIAR THEME THAT SPAIN AS EUROPEAN STATE, HAS MISSION TO PARTICIPATE "...IN THE ENRICHMENT OF THE EUROPE NOW BEING BUILT AND MUST OCCUPY ITS DUE POSITION WITHOUT SACRIFICING ITS NATIONAL PECULIARITIES, BUT MAKING ITS CONTRIBUTION WITH OTHER EUROPEAN STATES FOR THE COMMON GOOD."

3. FONMIN LOPEZ-RODO WAS APPARENTLY REFLECTING SOME OF SPAIN'S CONCERN OVER THE NARROW VIEW OF EUROPE TAKEN BY THE SUMMIT IN HIS TOAST DURING THE VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER DECEMBER 11. LOPEZ-RODO STATED ON THAT OCCASION THAT "SPAIN DOES NOT CONCEIVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE AS A CONSORTIUM OF SELFISH INTERESTS, BUT AS A HISTORICAL DESTINY AND AN IDEA OF SERVICE: SERVICE FIRST TO THE TRUE INTEREST OF EUROPE ITSELF IN ITS BROADEST NATURAL AND HISTORICAL SENSE; SERVICE ALSO TO THE ATLANTIC ZONE IN WHICH SPAIN IS ROOTED; AND SERVICE FINALLY TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN WHICH EUROPE MUST CONSTITUTE A POSITIVE FACTOR FOR THE GOOD OF ALL PEOPLES AND WORLD PEACE."

4. COMMENT: FACED WITH IMPOSSIBILITY OF REACHING NEW ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT WITH EEC BEFORE JANUARY 1 DEADLINE, AND WITH EXCLUSION FROM PREPARATION OF NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER, GOS UNUSUALLY SENSITIVE AT THIS JUNCTURE TO THIS LATEST ACT BY ITS EUROPEAN NEIGHBORS IGNORING ITS EUROPEAN CREDENTIALS. RIVERO

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